

## "Y" BASKETBALL TEAM WINS, 29, FROM THE CACTUS CLUB, 23

Contest Runs Three Extra Periods Before Tie Is Broken, Allowing Y. M. C. A. Team to Win; Cactus Club Narrowly Missed Scoring Winning Basket When Bowman's Throw Failed to Drop Inside.

BY J. G. BRANN.

IN one of the best games of basketball ever seen in El Paso, the Y. M. C. A. defeated the Cactus club five to four, 29 to 23. At the end of the first half the Cactus club was ahead by a score of 9 to 6. Early in the second half Al Adkins, center for the Cactus club, was injured and compelled to retire. Then the Cactus club boys showed they are just about as good as a bunch as were ever gathered together. Every member of the team is an old hand at the game and there was not one of them who did not realize that with Adkins out of the game the chances of winning were reduced to a minimum. Yet they made the Y. M. C. A. go through three extra periods to defeat them. As far as the records show this game is the longest ever played.

After Adkins went out, Bowman Lyman and Sauer were all tried at center. None of them were able to equal Adkins' play. When, during the time he was in the game, outplayed his opponent, Done. The latter is one of the best basketball players in the southwest. And the bringing of Sauer into the game broke up the team work. Sauer played a splendid individual game, but he did not work in with the team as Adkins had. In the second half the Y. came through with fine team work and a very difficult basket by Done just before the half ended tied the score.

**Teams Again Score.**  
In the first extra period of five minutes each team scored two points and again were tied. In the second extra period a wonderful one-handed backward throw by DeMar Bowman put the ball barely inside the ring of the basket just as the bell rang. Had the ball been in the air even within an inch of the basket the score would not have counted. There was some discussion as to whether or not the score counted, but referee Elden Routledge, who handled the game splendidly under the most trying circumstances, decided that it did count.

In the third extra five minute period the superior team and team work of the "Y" told and the team was able to win out by six points.

**Head Previous Record.**  
In 1904, Dallas, Tex., had a team which was probably the greatest ever turned out in the country. This team toured the country, defeating the champions. The Detroit A. C. also had a wonderful team that year. When the Dallas team played the latter team at Detroit the game wound up in the smallest score known, 2 to 0, in favor of Dallas. That contest was said to have been the most hard fought known at that time. But it was finished during the regular period of play and could not have been more exciting or closely contested than the game of Saturday night.

**Bowman's Play Is Best.**  
In Saturday's game, DeMar Bowman again stood out far ahead of any player on the floor. True, at the end of the first extra period he had a free throw which would have won the game for his team had he scored the point. He is usually absolutely certain on these

shots. But he missed the one which meant victory for his side. However, there is nothing to his discredit in missing that shot. In the first place he missed by a hair. The ball ran around the ring of the basket three times before it fell out. Even a slight break in the luck would have given the Cactus club the game there. In the second place DeMar was fatigued through having gone through such a grueling contest. He more than made up for this miss by his great work during the entire game and by the wonderful shot which he made just at the end of the second period. Without DeMar the Cactus club would have gone down in defeat by the time the regular periods of play had ended.

**Adkins Is Great Center.**  
During the time he was in the game Al Adkins showed he is the peer of any center in the southwest today. All on-lookers, Bob Done, is undoubtedly one of the greatest of all around players. At guard Bob stands as far ahead of the rest of the field as Bowman does at forward, and Adkins does at center. But at center Saturday night Adkins had it on Done, going and coming. The remarkable feature of Adkins' playing is that he has outjumped and outplayed every man he has met and in every instance has been at a big disadvantage in height and reach as well as in weight.

**Guarding Is Feature.**  
The guarding by the players of both teams was one of the features of the game. Lamar Thomas of the "Y" and Wendell Kuhn of the Cactus both put up a remarkable game at the anchor guard. Thomas had a slight edge on Kuhn as he played the same great game throughout the contest. Both Kuhn tried in the last period. Both Vern Lyman and Phil Holzman put up a splendid game at running guard. At this position Vern's great speed stood him in good stead and gave him the advantage over Phil. "Big" Shea played his usual fine game at forward, and despite the great guarding of Kuhn, scored 10 of the 29 points made by his team. "Fatty" Ross, at the other forward for the "Y," played the game of his life. "Pats" was all over the floor, guarding, passing and shooting and in addition to his magnificent work in the other departments of the game went into a game better in scoring, he making 11 points. At left forward, Done was a great aid to his team. Bob did not score as many points as his team mate, Bowman, who made 13 of the 29 points. Bowman, in addition to stopping a number of baskets kept his team fighting at every stage of the game with his encouraging chatter.

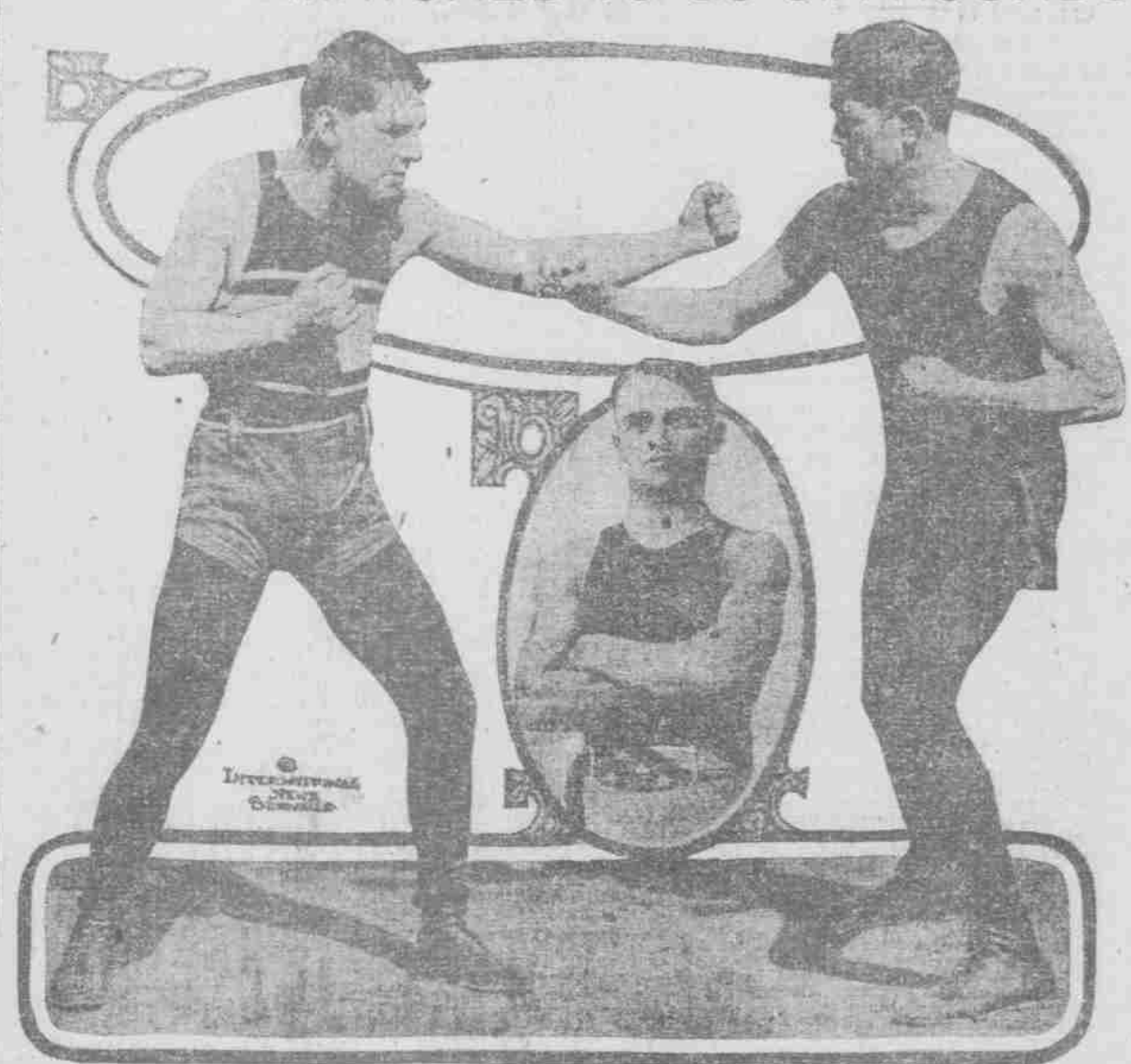
The lineup of the teams which played this record game are as follows:

**Y. M. C. A. Team:** Left forward, L. Shea; right forward, P. Ross; center, R. Done (captain); left guard, P. Holzman; right guard, H. Thomas.

**Cactus Club:** Left forward, R. Hoover; right forward, DeM. Bowman; center, A. Adkins and E. Sauer; left guard, W. Kuhn; right guard, V. Lyman.

**High School Boys' Team:**  
In the second game of the night the

## BANTAM AND FEATHER CHAMPS MATCHED TO GO SIX ROUNDS



Above Johnny Kilbane (on the right) in a practice bout; below, Kid Williams. Philadelphia, Pa., Feb. 8.—The champions meet here in the ring February 24. They are Johnny Kilbane, leader of the featherweight division, and "Kid" Williams, the acknowledged best bantamweight of the country. The bout is attracting much attention. It can go only six rounds. If the result is not decisive it is probable that a second meeting for a greater distance will be arranged. Both boys are now in prime condition. They will make 122 pounds ringside. Kilbane is a shade the favorite in the betting.

High school basketball team defeated the School of Mines by a score of 24 to 20. The Mines have not a very strong team but the boys always put up a great fight, especially against High school. There is not the same bitter feeling between the members of High school teams and those of the School of Mines teams as there was a few years back between High school and the El Paso Military Institute. But there is a strong enough spirit of rivalry between the Mines and "H" to insure a great scrap when the two come together. In the game Saturday night the Mines fought the High school boys off their feet in the first half and at the end of that period were ahead of "H" by a score of 14 to 12. In the second half, however, the superior team

work and individual ability of the "H" team told and enabled it to win out. Saturday afternoon Lamar and Bailey basketball teams played in the Senior Grammar school league, the former team winning by a score of 25 to 14. These Loebachmen got into the game for the first time during the season and showed that he is almost as great a basketball player as he is at football, and that means that he is the equal if not the peer of any boy in the grammar schools today. "Two out only" played a fine game in all departments but scored 12 of the 25 points made by Lamar. Cecil Boyd at center reversed the result of the last game when he met Hugh Adkins and outplayed the latter at every angle, particularly in team work. "Two out only" has shown strong hereafter. Saturday both Hugh and Fritz Bryant threw team work to the winds and this more than anything else won out. Bailey. The one redeeming feature of Bailey's play was the great guarding of the team's captain, Harry McKemy. The last time these two teams met, Madison Mudd, captain and star forward of the Lamar team, practically won the game for his team by his last shot. Mudd is far more than an ordinary player, but Saturday he was unable to get away from Fritz for a moment. During the entire game Harry did not permit Mudd to score a point, and in addition he did fine guarding kept cool and showed fine team play at times when the rest of the Bailey players were completely up in the air.

## THREE SOCCER GAMES ARE PLAYED IN SCHOOL LEAGUE

Three games were played in the two Grammar school soccer leagues, at the High school athletic grounds Saturday morning. In the junior league the San Jacinto team, which like the Senior team of the same school, has not lost a game during the season, clinched first place by defeating San Jacinto by a score of 4 to 1. The other junior league game was between Alta Vista and Vilas, and was won by Vilas by a score of 2 to 0. C. C. A. The two teams met they played a very close and exciting game, being up at one another. In the game Saturday, however, Vilas had a case of time winning as San Jacinto had had in the first game. The other game was in the Senior league, which is competing for the El Paso Herald championship banner. In this game Alta Vista defeated Aoy by a score of 1 to 0. This game was by far the best of the day. Both teams fought hard for a score throughout the game and only during the last few minutes of play was Alta Vista able to get the point which meant victory for them. The feature of this game was the fine defensive work of both goal keepers. Monday afternoon the Junior and Aoy Junior league teams will play at the Aoy grounds.

## JOHNSON REACHES BARBADOS; MAY ASK FOR POSTPONEMENT

Barbados, B. W. I., Feb. 8.—Jack Johnson, the pugilist, arrived here Sunday from Buenos Aires. He weighs 242 pounds and declares he is in good condition. Johnson said he would attempt to charter a steamer to take him to Veracruz, as no other means is available to take him to Juarez. He is in time for his fight with Jess Willard on March 6. Johnson said he was confident of winning, but was anxious because of the possibility of not reaching Juarez as early as he had expected and might ask for a postponement.

The Mexican port of Veracruz is held by Gen. Carranza, whose officials have announced Johnson would be arrested as soon as he reached the Carranza territory. There is no Atlantic port of Mexico which is under Gen. Villa's control. It has been believed Villa may capture Tampico in time for Johnson to land from Barbados and proceed under escort to Juarez.

**PAN ZARETA AND JOE BLAIR  
TO RUN OFF MATCH RACE**  
Pan Zareta and Joe Blair will run off their postponed match race Wednesday afternoon at the Junior track over the five furlong course. This race was scheduled for the feature race at the track, but was postponed because of the weather and the condition of the track.

Neither of these horses has been beaten at the Junior track and as Pan Zareta will retire from the racing game at the end of this year, the race is expected to be a history-making one.

**INDIANAPOLIS TEAM WILL  
PLAY THE GIANTS HERE**  
Chicago, Ill., Feb. 8.—The Indianapolis American Association team will go to most of its spring training at San Diego, Calif. They will also off at El Paso to play a three game series with the New York Nationals.

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## PHILADELPHIA TEAM IS HARD HIT NOW AS IT WAS IN YEARS 1901-2

Same Policy of Financial Closeness Which Wrecked the Team When Americans Threatened Raid Has Resulted in Loss of Players in the Federal Raid of 1914; Pennant Chances Are Now Lost.

BY FRANK G. MENKE.

NEW YORK, Feb. 8.—Everytime somebody picks a baseball fight, that somebody takes the huskiest wallop at those poor Phillies. The Quakertown team was shot to pieces during the American-National league war and the same thing happened during the Federal league scrap.

No team ever had brighter pennant prospects than did the Phillies after the 1913 season closed. They had played wonderful baseball during the 1912 season and were runners up all the way. The veterans looked good for the 1913 campaign and some of the Phillies youngsters were due to deliver.

And then the blow fell. The Feds grabbed Tom Seaton, ranked as one of the best pitchers in the game; they took Otto Knebe, the brainy second sacker and Mike Doolan, one of the best shortstops in the game. Also they grabbed pitcher Ad Brennan, never a wonder, yet a man who ranked pretty well up in the pitching business.

The Phillies were shot to pieces even before the 1914 campaign opened. Their infield was wrecked by the loss of Knebe and Doolan and their pitching mainstay was gone. From a possible pennant contender the Phillies slumped into second division certainties.

What for the same reason that they lost them in 1913-14. And those reasons were, one, they held the warring league and its lure in too cheap regard and two, when it came to bidding up on the salary question they were too tight with the bankroll.

**Lajoie Hated to Jump.**  
Lajoie was getting \$2,000 a year when the war broke out. The American leaguers offered him about \$6,000. The offer was large but Lajoie wasn't very

Three Jumped in 1902.  
Lajoie, Ed Delany and Elmer Flick, who were among the greatest batsmen in baseball jumped the club and went with the American league. So did Bill Bernier who held a place high up among the top-notch pitchers in those days.

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